

Early Actions Related to Habitat and Stewardship

Category	Program/Action Name	Description	Short-Term Action Needed	Funding Status
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Volunteer monitoring programs	Volunteers monitor numerous water resource parameters, including spawning salmon, water quality, etc. Data is collected according to specific protocols and is used in various watershed management programs.	Ongoing.	F
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Watershed Action Grant program	Grant recipients carry out projects to educate and involve the community on water resource issues or directly improve water resources or salmon habitat. Grants are available for community groups, schools, businesses, and agencies.	Ongoing.	F
Public Outreach and Stewardship	WaterWorks Fund	Funds community projects that protect or improve watersheds, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and tidewater. The projects must protect or improve water quality, foster community stewardship, develop long-term partnerships, leverage resources, and have the assurance of a long-term legacy. Grants are available for schools, agencies, community groups, tribes, and special districts.	Ongoing.	F
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Salmon/ ESA Speakers' Bureau	Trained staff and volunteer speakers present information about salmon, the Endangered Species Act, and how people can help protect salmon. Targeted audiences include business organizations, service clubs, community groups, schools, etc.	Began in Oct. 1998. First external training scheduled for March 1999.	F
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Public workshops/ meetings about the ESA	Public events designed specifically to inform people about salmon and the Endangered Species Act response efforts and collect public input for salmon conservation planning efforts.	First series of workshops Jan-Feb 1999. Workshops and other events will continue throughout 1999.	F
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Salmon Information Center clearinghouse	A collaborative project to provide a convenient central toll-free phone number and website where citizens can get answers to questions about salmon and the ESA and find out how to get involved. The Salmon Information Center will be promoted in all salmon-related communications (advertising, newsletters, brochures, etc.) by Tri-county and other partners. Partners include King County, the Tri-county ESA response effort, Seattle, the State of Washington, and others.	Began in Oct. 1998. Full implementation should come on-line in March 1999.	F
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Salmon Information Television	A collaborative project to produce and distribute educational programming about salmon and the ESA response efforts via a network of over a dozen local municipal and educational cable channels. Programming will include short educational Public Service Announcements as well as longer studio shows. Partners include King County, Seattle, Bellevue, the University of Washington, and the Tri-county ESA response effort.	First Public Service Announcement (PSA) distributed in Jan 1999. Production will continue through 1999.	N
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Salmon advertising campaign	A collaborative project to raise awareness about the salmon crisis and local ESA response efforts, using advertising on major broadcast TV, radio and print media. Partners include King County, Elgin DDB, and the Tri-county ESA response effort.	First PSA scheduled for broadcast in March 1999.	N
Public Outreach and Stewardship	Salmon educational materials	Fact sheets, brochures, newsletters, and other educational materials designed specifically to inform citizens and stakeholders about salmon, the ESA, and ESA response efforts. Includes materials targeted toward students like "The Fish Who Could Climb Mountains" (an insert in the Seattle's Child family of newspapers) as well as more technical fact sheets designed for use at workshops and other events.	First fact sheets developed in 1998. "Fish who could Climb Mountains" published Jan 1999. Other publications scheduled for development throughout 1999.	F

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Public Outreach and Stewardship	Coastal Canvass program	Target local communities along Puget Sound shoreline to recruit, train, and organize volunteers for beach monitoring and enhancement. Partnership with Adopt-a-Beach.	Implementation beginning early 1999.	F
Public Outreach and Stewardship	PBRs promotion	Educate community members in targeted river basins about the Public Benefit Rating System, a tax incentive program for salmon habitat protection and enhancement. Partnership with WETNET.	Implementation beginning early 1999.	F

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ALL REGULATIONS AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO NEW DEVELOPMENT				
Enforcement	One internal phone number to report water-related complaints	A central phone number for complaints will enable monitoring of types of complaints and responses related to ESA. It will reduce the number of complaints that get misdirected in the current diffuse system in diverse departments. This should increase com	Redevelop and expand prior trouble call network by June 1999.	F
Enforcement	Increased Consistency of Inspection and Enforcement at DDES	a.) Conduct intra-department field trainings with different inspectors (residential, land-use, clearing and grading, erosion control, etc.) including industry site supervisors on erosion control and sensitive areas protection to increase consistency of co	Release of staff from permit review and inspection responsibilities for training.	Training within existing budgets. Possible funding implications for inspectors' equipment needs.
Inspection	Increased Consistency of Inspection and Enforcement at DDES	a.) Conduct intra-department field trainings with different inspectors (residential, land-use, clearing and grading, erosion control, etc.) including industry site supervisors on erosion control and sensitive areas protection to increase consistency of co	Release of staff from permit review and inspection responsibilities for training.	Training within existing budgets. Possible funding implications for inspectors' equipment needs.
Monitoring	Enhanced Monitoring of Mitigation Sites	Increase monitoring of mitigation sites with the addition of 1 Ecologist to a staff of 6 (SAA) to inspect for proper installation and function of mitigation sites. Bond forfeitures will occur when necessary to complete mitigation as required by permit application	Complete staffing of program (in process). Training of staff in database management. Development of procedures for complaint management. Development of reporting procedures.	F
Education/Staff Training	County-wide cross-training for water-related code compliance staff in all agency's (see below)	TOP's training will educate all code compliance inspectors in the county to each others' top five compliance targets and whom to call if a potential violation is seen in the field. This increase in "eyes in the field" should increase compliance for activities	Release of inspection staff for cross-training by August, 1999.	Training within existing budgets. Funds needed for follow-up to reported violations.

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SENSITIVE AREAS ORDINANCE (SAO)				
Enforcement	Enhanced Enforcement of and Compliance to SAO and Clearing and Grading Codes	Add and train staff whose primary responsibility will be to respond to complaints of clearing and grading violations in sensitive areas (particularly near salmonid-bearing streams and wetlands).	Add 3 Site Development Specialists to an existing staff of 11 (approved; hiring in 1999). Train all staff in database management. Develop procedures for complaint management and reporting.	F
Enforcement	Fines for SAO Violations	Disallow reduction in fines for SAO violations.	Change policies on fines for violations.	F
Enforcement	Committee review of SAO Variance	Add a committee review of SAO variance requests modeled after SWDM adjustment process to ensure consistency of decisions and insulate individual staff from applicant pressure.	Form staff committee for review of variance requests.	F
Enforcement	Scientific Advisor	Add a science advisor position for the development review process to add consistency to implementation and help provide defensible basis for conditions.	To be proposed in 2000 budget.	N
Code/Policy Changes	SAO Buffers	Develop guidelines for expansion of buffers allowed under SAO. The guidelines are needed to ensure application and the consistency of use.	Staff development of guidelines.	N
Code/Policy Changes	SAO BMPs	Develop BMPs for ditch cleaning and other maintenance needs that meet SAO and other identified needs of listed species.	Staff development of BMPs.	N
Code/Policy Changes	Assessment Policies for Sensitive Areas	Develop clear valuation guidelines for restricted properties and reassess parcels accordingly to provide incentives for allowing rehabilitation of these lands to increase functions.	Staff development of assessment guidelines; support council review and adoption if needed.	N
Code/Policy Changes	Fertilizers and Pesticides	Develop policies and programs to limit commercial applications of fertilizers and pesticides for lawncare and landscaping in areas draining to sensitive areas.	Develop proposals for regulations and incentives to limit use of fertilizers and pesticides in sensitive areas.	N
Code/Policy Changes	Sensitive Areas in New Cities	Ensure that annexation agreements for new cities incorporate requirements for protection of sensitive areas that are equivalent to King County policies and regulations.	Staff review of annexation agreements consistent with KC policies.	N
Code/Policy Changes	Functional Assessment of Wetlands	Adopt WDOE wetland functional assessment method as the standard method for evaluating wetland functions.	Evaluate and move WDOE wetland assessment method for adoption.	N
Code/Policy Changes	Stream restoration and buffer guidelines.	Develop guidelines for the restoration of disturbed streams and stream buffers. Clear criteria and performance standards are needed to provide consistency in mitigation plans.	Staff development of criteria and performance standards.	N
Code/Policy Changes	Mitigation Requirements	Expand the current mitigation requirements to include restoration of degraded buffer and riparian habitat as mitigation to direct effects of adjacent upland development.	Develop proposals for mitigation requirements.	N